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LETTER DATED 6 APRIL 1999 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES A.I. OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF YUGOSLAVIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to forward herewith a letter from the President of the Bar Association of Belgrade addressed to the Security Council (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Vladislav JOVANOVIC
Chargé d'affaires a.i.

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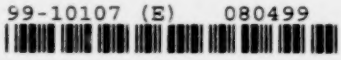

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Annex

Letter dated 1 April 1999 from the President of the Bar Association of Belgrade to the Security Council

We recall that on 12 October 1998 the Bar Association of Belgrade addressed an appeal to you and called directly on Mr. Kofi Annan, Secretary-General of the United Nations Organization, requesting that Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations and all the established principles of international law be respected, pointing to the disastrous consequences of the possibility, only then announced, of the use of force by NATO against Yugoslavia.

The NATO aggression carried out on 24 March 1999 against our sovereign country, one of the founders of the United Nations Organization, without our reaction, and your subsequent refusal of the draft resolution submitted by Russia to the effect that the use of force be ceased have brought into question not only the established norms of international law, but also the authority and power of the Security Council as a whole.

We call on you to stop the aggression and prevent the death and suffering of the people of Yugoslavia.

We call on you, on behalf of your own conscience, to protect the authority of the United Nations Organization and the principles by which the international community has lived in the second half of this century, and thus restore mankind's confidence in the United Nations Organization which has been seriously shattered by the NATO aggression against Yugoslavia.

We call on you to stop aggression while it is not too late and prevent a catastrophe of broader proportions.

(Signed) Vladimir SESLIJA
President of the Bar Association of Belgrade